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SUBJECT:MESSAGE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER OF LEBANON

REF: STATE 250646

1. FOLLOWING IS CORRECTED TEXT OF SECRETARY'S MESSAGE
(REFTEL) TO LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER TAQLA WHICH YOU
SHOULD DELIVER IMMEDIATELY:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER: I AM SORRY THAT MY
SCHEDULE BETWEEN MY RETURN FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AND MY
DEPARTURE THIS WEEKEND WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR JAPAN HAS
NOT ALLOWED TIME FOR US TO MEET. I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT
OPPORTUNITY AS SOON AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. MEANWHILE,
UNDER SECRETARY SISCO HAS GIVEN YOU OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE
CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE PROSPECTS FOR
FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING
PEACE.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO ASK YOU TO EX-
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PRESS TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE MY REGRET FOR THE MISUNDER-

STANDING THAT OCCURRED AT THE TIME OF THE PRESIDENT'S
ARRIVAL IN THIS COUNTRY, FOR WHICH AMBASSADOR GODLEY WAS IN
NO WAY RESPONSIBLE, AND FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THAT THIS
UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT MAY HAVE CAUSED. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU
THAT WE ARE INVESTIGATING THIS INCIDENT AND WILL TAKE
WHATEVER CORRECTIVE ACTION IS REQUIRED. WARM PERSONAL
REGARDS. SINCERELY. HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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